

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

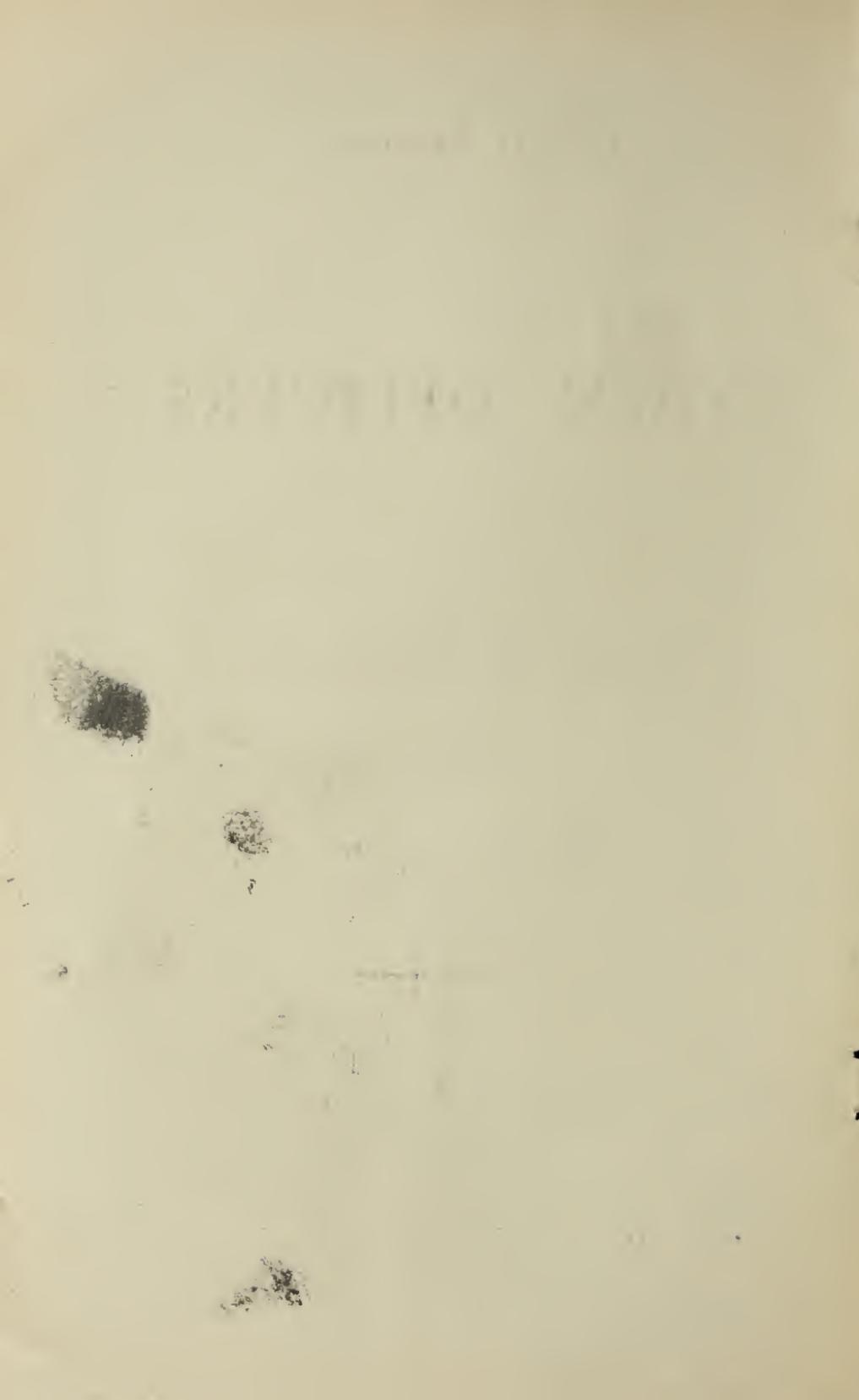
TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

FOR YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1889.



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1889.



WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either to the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Douglas, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March, inst., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including an Agent and three Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis to the Inhabitants of Douglas ; three School Committee, for three years each ; two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years each ; and one Road Commissioner for three years.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the Support of Poor, of Schools, for Repairing School Houses, Repairing Highways and Bridges, for payment of Debts and Contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for 1889, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the Annual March meeting of 1883, under Article 19

of the Warrant of said meeting, whereby the Town voted to accept the provisions of the statutes, and that we repair the highways, townways and bridges the ensuing year by choosing three Road Commissioners.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to repair Highways, Townways and Bridges by electing one Highway Surveyor for each School District.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

ART. 9. To determine the time when Poll and other Taxes shall be collected.

ART. 10. To act on the List of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 11. To see what use the Town will make of the Dog Fund (so called) for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

ART. 13. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of Schools shall consist, and to see what compensation they shall receive.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars each, for their services the ensuing year; no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year, ending April 1, 1890, and all fines due said Company be deducted from said amount; the above named sum to be drawn on the order of the Foreman of said Company.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to pay Eliza Goddard for board and care of Charles Lindal, for the week before he died.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote what compensation the various Town Officers shall receive for their services, or act or do anything relating thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to hold all future town meetings in the Village of East Douglas, and authorize the incoming Board of Selectmen to procure a place for holding said meetings.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sec. 69, Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes, and elect, by ballot, a

Board of three Overseers of the Poor, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote and decide that the Board of Selectmen shall hereafter consist of three members, elected annually.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct their Selectmen to enforce the provisions of Chap. 84 of the Public Statutes, Sec. 16, in regard to tramps, and require them to work to pay for their board and lodgings.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Overseers of the Poor to adopt some methods by which the support of the poor away from the almshouse shall be lessened.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of School Committee, so that hereafter the board shall consist of three or six.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to unite with other towns and employ a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and that the debts incurred under the authority of this vote, are hereby made payable from said taxes.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provisions of Chap. 189, Sec. 1, of Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Waldo Smiths corner, to the Peter Thompson place (so called).

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Parker road, leading from N. G. Dudley's to the so called Parker place or Parker court.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to bonding the town indebtedness.

The Polls will open at 10 o'clock, A. M., and close at 4 o'clock, P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Meeting House at Douglas Center, and at the Tavern House of William Jefferson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
W. P. WIGHT, } of
ORRIN CHASE. } Douglas.

LIST OF JURORS.

SELECTED BY THE SELECTMEN, FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
TOWN, MARCH 18, 1889.

Judson Draper.	George Abbott.
Henry Boardman.	George Brownell.
William W. Brown.	Sylvester Chase.
Orrin Chase.	Henry Wallis.
Palmer Converse.	Reuben Haines.
Walter H. Dudley.	Henry Gow.
William S. Jillson.	Henry A. Walker.
John M. Rawson.	Elmer Balcome.
D. M. Brown.	Moses Southwick.
Thomas E. Wixtead.	Warren E. Mowry.
George Southwick.	Edwin Parker.
T. P. Wixtead.	Edwin Moore.
William P. Wight.	Vernon Esten.
Loren A. Buffum.	Edwin Chase.
William Rixford.	James Dermody.

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
W. P. WIGHT, } of
ORRIN CHASE. } Douglas.

Appropriations, Mar. 18, '88.

District Schools,	-	-	\$3,300 00
High Schools,	-	-	1,000 00
Highways and Bridges, including Depot St.,	-	-	1,900 00
Support of Poor,	-	-	2,500 00
Debts and Interest,	-	-	1,000 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	1,500 00
Repairs on School Houses and Purchase of Books,	-	-	500 00
State Aid to Soldiers,	-	-	300 00
Fire King Engine Company,	-	-	320 00
Grand Army,	-	-	150 00
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			\$12,470 00

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Douglas submit the following report for the year ending February 28, 1889.

370 orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$14,892. 96

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

TOWN CLERK.

T. H. Meek, collecting, recording and indexing,			
60 Births	-	-	@ .50
59 Deaths	-	-	@ .35
19 Marriages	-	-	@ .15
Express and Ink on Public Documents,	-	-	4 30
Attending meeting of Town Clerks,	-	-	4 50
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			\$62 30

TREASURER.

Walter E. Jones, salary,	-	-	\$90 00
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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. N. Jenckes,	-	-	-	\$50 00
Orrin Chase,	-	-	-	50 00
W. P. Wight,	-	-	-	50 00

N. G. Dudley,	-	-	-	\$50 00
J. M. Parker,	-	-	-	<hr/>
				\$200 00

TRUANT OFFICER.

J. W. Wixtead,	-	-	-	\$10 00
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PURCHASING BOOKS.

J. W. Wixtead,	-	-	-	25 00
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ASSESSORS.

S. W. Potter,	-	-	-	\$60 00
Caleb Hill,	-	-	-	55 00
Thos. E. Wixtead,	-	-	-	50 00
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				\$165 00

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

W. W. Brown,	-	-	-	\$33 33
J. W. Wixtead,	-	-	-	33 33
C. S. Caswell,	-	-	-	33 33
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				\$99 99

CONSTABLES.

E. G. Babson, posting warrants,	-	-	-	\$10 00
Notifying 42 town officers,	-	-	-	10 50
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				\$20 50

TAX COLLECTOR.

Stillman Russell,	-	-	-	\$100 00
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AUDITOR.

George P. B. Clarke,	-	-	-	\$2 00
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

M. M. Luther,	-	\$10 00
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SEXTON.

Edward Balcome,	-	\$27 00
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Chas. Mercier, 2 years,	-	-	-	\$30 00
Cornelius Emmons, 1 year,	-	-	-	15 00
Caleb Hill, 1 year,	-	-	-	15 00
Thos. H. Meek, 1 year,	-	-	-	10 00
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				\$70 00

PRINTING.

C. J. Batcheller, town and school reports,	-	\$62 50
“ “ high school examination papers,	-	2 50
“ “ legal paper and 50 check lists,	-	12 25
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		\$77 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

E. B. Knapp, supplies,-	-	-	\$99 30
E. P. Heath, members as per vote,	-	-	320 00
A. F. Jones, coal and supplies,	-	-	6 65
E. B. Knapp, supplies,	-	-	13 13
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			\$439 08

DAMAGES.

William Wade, to horse and wagon,	-	\$56 00
Linley Bros,	-	14 00
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		\$70 00

AS PER VOTE.

Carrie Gardiner, for culvert,	-	\$25 00
Burton Goddard, board S. Craggin,	-	60 00
Samuel Sibley Post G. A. R.	-	150 00
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		\$235 00

LOCK UP:

Expenses,	-	-	\$118 04
W. E. Jones,	-	-	2 13
			<hr/> \$120 17

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Caleb Hill, housing road scraper,	-	-	\$4 00
Warren E. Morey, repairs on vestry,	-	-	1 00
Elmer Balcome, cleaning vestry,	-	-	2 00
W. P. Wight, license blanks,	-	-	3 50
Paper for Assessors,	-	-	25
J. W. Wixtead, taking school census,	-	-	3 75
Assessors books,	"	-	3 75
Treasurer's books and stamps,	-	-	5 25
C. J Batcheller, bill and letter heads,	-	-	5 50
W. Jillson, repairs on Rocky Brook bridges,	-	-	30 50
Cutting wood and slabs,	-	-	10 25
Hiram Sheldon, work on his road,	-	-	6 00
A. E. Chapman, wood,	-	-	8 00
V. M. Aldrich, lock ballot box,	-	-	2 20
John Walling, wood,	-	-	1 50
Wood packing and kindlings,	-	-	2 70
N. G. Dudley, railing road at P. Germains,	-	-	12 05
" " work on wash-outs,	-	-	18 20
W. H. Parker, " " -	-	-	59 90
J. C. P. M. Bates, " " -	-	-	8 70
Benj. Burlingame, " " -	-	-	4 00
W. W. Brown, driving well, etc.,	-	-	37 56
E. N. Jencks, trip to Oxford, Webster and Express,	-	-	4 00
Orrin Chase, expense looking after poor,	-	-	32 00
W. P. Wight, " " " -	-	-	3 00
Edward Esten, for dynamite in 1886,	-	-	9 65
W. R. Wallis, slabs for schools,	-	-	9 39
Edward Leaver, staying with German,	-	-	2 00
A. F. Jones, coal for selectmen's office,	-	-	1 00
C. S. Caswell, with state officer,	-	-	3 75
J. W. Wixtead, with state officer,	-	-	5 25
W. E. Jones, wood for poor,	-	-	7 50
" " stamps, etc.,	-	-	4 90
			<hr/> \$313 00

MILITARY AID.

(Chap. 252.)

George Leach,	-	-	-	\$48 00
Mrs. N. H. Jones,	-	-	-	57 00
William Reynolds,	-	-	-	36 00
Henry Cook,	-	-	-	12 00
				<hr/> \$153 00

MILITARY AID.

(Chap. 301.)

Arena E. Chapman,	-	-	-	\$48 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	-	-	-	48 00
Wellington Balcome,	-	-	-	72 00
Theron H. Barton,	-	-	-	48 00
Dorris B. Young,	-	-	-	72 00
Henry C. Lamson,	-	-	-	48 00
Samuel Cragin,	-	-	-	36 00
Wellington H. Dorr,	-	-	-	48 00
				<hr/> \$420 00

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

W. H. Rixford,	-	-	-	\$773 24
Suel Logee,	-	-	-	809 45
W. S. Jillson,	-	-	-	763 79
				<hr/> \$2,346 48

SNOW ROADS.

N. G. Dudley,	-	-	-	\$64 35
A. F. Brown,	-	-	-	20 80
N. S. Caswell,	-	-	-	98 30
B. W. Aldrich,	-	-	-	27 70
Suel Logee,	-	-	-	360 15
W. S. Jillson,	-	-	-	224 85
Rufus P. Johnson,	-	-	-	4 50
Henry Walker,	-	-	-	19 90

John M. Rawson,	-	-	-	\$12 20
Henry Chase,	-	-	-	28 40
Suel Chase,	-	-	-	22 60
Jesse Chase,	-	-	-	10 66
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				\$894 41

RENT.

Albert Butler, Citizen's Hall,	-	-	\$100 00
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Norman Shaw, expense to attend school,	-	-	28 25
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ROAD SUPPLIES,

V. M. Aldrich, supplies,	-	-	\$21 05
Orrin Chase, for gravel,	-	-	4 00
C. W. Brown, sharpening drills,	-	-	2 72
W. R. Wallis, plank and lumber,	-	-	27 60
W. E. Jones,	-	-	9 85
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			\$65 22

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

V. M. Aldrich, supplies, pipe, etc.,	-	-	\$26 51
C. J. Batcheller,	-	-	21 75
E. B. Knapp, coal,	-	-	71 78
A. J. Thayer, slabs,	-	-	1 47
Joseph Bowen, repairs,	-	-	2 90
A. F. Jones, coal, etc.,	-	-	9 52
W. N. Parker, wood,	-	-	20 12
Loring A. Stockwell,	-	-	7 20
Jas. W. Wixtead,	-	-	306 93
S. Russell,	-	-	5 87
W. E. Jones,	-	-	11 62
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			\$485 69

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Jas. W. Wixtead,	-	-	\$301 06
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ALMSHOUSE.

W. R. Wallis, grain for almshouse,	-	-	\$122 26
E. N. Jenckes, supplies,	-	-	101 32

Geo. Parker, on account,	-	-	\$350 00
W. E. Jones, supplies,	-	-	18 33
			<hr/> \$591 91

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

W. O, Cartwright, high school,	-	-	\$340 00
Kate Sibley,	-	-	108 00
Kathrene Crook,	-	-	135 00
Patience Breck,	-	-	350 00
Evie Smith,	-	-	221 00
Ida Johnson,	-	-	88 00
Emmie J. Paine,	-	-	196 00
Jenine L. Parker,	-	-	149 00
Emma Willis,	-	-	161 00
May Kimball,	-	-	161 00
Dora Russell,	-	-	272 00
Ada E. Brown,	-	-	252 00
Minnie F. Darling,	-	-	252 00
Roxa A. Dawley,	-	-	168 00
Ella M. Parker,	-	-	252 00
Lizzie Capen,	-	-	105 00
C. F. Chase,	-	-	480 00
Emma Fiske,	-	-	84 00
			<hr/> \$3,774 00

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Dr. Sterling, outside,	-	-	\$8 00
Dr. Holbrook, outside,	-	-	20 75
Dr. White, outside,	-	-	74 75
" " at almshouse,	-	-	7 25
			<hr/> \$110 75

JOSEPH BOWEN FOR COFFINS.

Lucy Ritchie,	-	-	\$11 00
Mendrick Sibley,	-	-	10 50
Oliver Allen,	-	-	10 50
Pat Cronin,	-	-	12 50
Noel Reno,	-	-	10 50

Lewis Lofoam,	-	-	-	\$8 00
Chas. Lindal,	-	-	-	10 00
				<hr/> \$73 00

H. M. LEGARE FOR COFFINS, ROBES, ETC.

Frank Cardinal,	-	-	-	\$11 25
Simeon Johnson,	-	-	-	8 00
Noel Reno child,	-	-	-	4 00
				<hr/> \$23 25

DIGGING GRAVES.

Frank Allen, 1 grave,	-	-	-	\$2 50
Joseph Putro, 2 graves,	-	-	-	5 00
Mr. Woodman, 1 grave,	-	-	-	3 00
				<hr/> \$10 50

Care of school rooms,	-	-	-	\$111 00
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OUTSIDE POOR.

Herbert A. Woodward,	-	-	-	\$37 61
Mrs. McComic,	-	-	-	116 27
Julius Gould,	-	-	-	156 00
Mrs. Napoleon Goodboo,	-	-	-	97 00
Mrs. Edward Generaux,	-	-	-	151 58
Lucy Ritchie,	-	-	-	13 80
Mrs. John Duprey,	-	-	-	57 00
Oliver Allen,	-	-	-	20 30
Patrick Crow and family,	-	-	-	165 00
Simeon Johnson,	-	-	-	76 00
Town of Sutton, Henry Cook,	-	-	-	198 30
Noel Reno,	-	-	-	248 00
Lewis Lofoam,	-	-	-	87 87
Mrs. Dennis Freezier,	-	-	-	26 00
George Casey,	-	-	-	151 84
Mrs. Frank Carey,	-	-	-	173 96
Alonzo Davis,	-	-	-	18 00

Henry Plant,	-	-	-	\$16	67
Anthony Ladeaux,	-	-	-	154	00
Mrs. E. Travis,	-	-	-	21	00
Sylvia E. Wakefield,	-	-	-	56	00
Hector Pion,	-	-	-	148	40
Charles Walls' children,	-	-	-	120	70
Rosina Conley, care and support,	-	-	-	108	40
Evelyn Sprague,	-	-	-	99	97
Kate Martin,	-	-	-	180	00
Enos Buxton,	-	-	-	45	33
Carolin Johnson,	-	-	-	49	13
Rufus Johnson and Mrs. Jogginson and Son,	-	-	-	48	00
Hellen, M. Buxton,	-	-	-	156	00
Chas. Mason,	-	-	-	63	35
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				\$3,144	48

STATE PAUPERS.

Chas. Gravlin,	-	-	-	\$89	88
Oscar Peterson,	-	-	-	6	31
Kate Bruley,	-	-	-	6	10
Chas. Lindal,	-	-	-	5	00
Frank Cardinal,	-	-	-	15	50
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				\$122	79

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous expenses,	-	-	-	\$2,603	79
Military Aid, Chap. 252,	-	-	-	153	00
" " " 301,	-	-	-	420	00
Road Commissioners,	-	-	-	2,346	48
Snow roads,	-	-	-	894	41
Road Supplies,	-	-	-	55	37
School "	-	-	-	485	67
" books,	-	-	-	301	06
Almshouse,	-	-	-	591	91
School Teachers,	-	-	-	3,774	00

Outside poor,		\$3,144 48
State paupers,		122 79
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		\$14,892 96

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
W. P. WIGHT, } of
ORRIN CHASE, } Douglas.

JOHN C. MORRILL, Auditor.

Report of the Treasurer.

The Selectmen further report they have settle with the Treasurer, and his account stands as follows:

W. E. JONES, TREASURER.

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Mar.	1.	Cash on hand,
	24.	Whitinsville Savings Bank loan,
	29.	State Treas'r corporation tax, bal. 1887,
May	1.	W. E. Cook, auctioneer's license,
	2.	Chas. Marcier, 1st and 4th class license,
	4.	Chas. Shurn, " " "
	10.	Henry Dudley " " "
	16.	Peter Roberts " " "
	16.	Stillman Russell druggist licence,
	16.	John F. Smith " " "
	29.	G. W. Manahan. 1st and 4th claas license,
June	4.	Peter German " " "
	29.	Note to Albert Butler, executor,
	29.	Rec'd Estate Hiram Johnson,
Sept.	6.	" A. F. Brown, on acc't of Orrison Hewett to Public Library,
Oct.	6.	Rec'd E. R. Dodge, on acc't of property sold for taxes,
Dec.	8.	John M. Rawson, auctioneer's license,
	8.	State Treas'r, corporation tax,
	8.	" " national bank tax,
	8.	" " state aid, chap. 252,
	8.	" " " 301,
	8.	" " support state paupers,
	31.	County Treas'r, dog fund,

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Jan. 29.	State Treas'r, income school fund,	\$163 30
“ 29.	“ “ revenue “ “	222 06
Feb. 28.	S. Russell, coll'r taxes 1888,	14,750 47
“ 28.	“ interest on taxes,	25 74
“ 28.	James W. Wixtead, agt. for sale of books,	20 51
“ 28.	Tuition from Miss E. M. Clark, 1 yr.	18 00
“ 28.	Interest received on deposits,	17 88
“ 28.	James W. Wixtead, agt. for books to Town of Sutton,	15 96
“ 28.	Tuition from John Parker,	7 50
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		\$26,810 47

The item "Interest received on deposits," is, as you will see, a new heading in the report, and arises from the fact that during the past year the town's money has been deposited in a Trust Co., and by so doing, has increased the receipts of cash \$17.88.

Mar. 11.	I have received, since my report went to printer, from A. F. Brown, on account Orrison Hewett estate to library,	\$15 85
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W. E. JONES, TREASURER.

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Mar. 7.	Inhabitants Douglas tax. deed and recording,	\$17 28
Apr. 2.	I. S. Balcome, note,	2,000 00
“ 2.	“ interest on above note,	30 00
“ 17.	M. M. Luther, interest on note,	10 00
“ 23.	Henry D. Wallis, “ “	18 00
May 16.	Clara R. Lawton, “ “	72 50
“ 24.	State Treas'r $\frac{1}{4}$ license money to date,	200 50
“ 28.	Albert Butler interest on note 2 yrs. to May 1,	84 00
June 4.	Sarah Richardson, interest on note to June 4, '88,	31 63

June 6.	Mary Walker, interest on note to May 29, '88,	17 66
" 13.	Edwin Moore, interest on note, two yrs. to June 19, '88,	60 00
" 13.	Edwin Moore, interest on note, two yrs. to Apr. 24, '88,	156 00
" 13.	Edwin Moore, interest on note, two yrs. to May 26, '88,	84 00
July 17.	State Treas'r, $\frac{1}{4}$ license money to date,	100 00
Aug. 18.	J. C. Hammond, insurance town farm buildings,	31 25
Oct. 29.	James W. Stockwell, collector,	2 50
Nov. 1.	Suel Logee, interest on note,	120 00
" 1.	Retus Walling, interest on note,	65 70
Dec. 5.	Inhabitants of Douglas tax,	3 00
" 5.	Inhabitants of Douglas tax,	2 93
" 8.	State Treas'r, state tax,	1,282 50
" 20.	Whitinsville Bank, note and interest,	3,210 59
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Jan. 3.	A. F. Brown, deed and recording,	3 00
Feb. 23.	County tax, paid by collector,	762 00
" 23.	Orders of abatement,	192 85
" 28.	James M. Luke, interest on note, two yrs.	36 00
" 28.	Discount on taxes,	33 89
" 28.	Orders of abatement,	5 99
" 28.	Paid 10 orders from treasurer library,	334 10
" 28.	" 370 " selectmen,	14,892 96
" 28.	Inhabitants of Douglas tax,	15 85
" 28.	Uncollected taxes,	75 45
" 28.	Cash on hand, Mar. 1,	2,858 34
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		\$26,810 47

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

JOHN C. MORRILL, Auditor.

Assets and Liabilities.

Lockup and school property,	\$5,000 00
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00
Property at Almshouse,	1,048 57
Engine building,	900 00
Fire engine and hose,	700 00
Safe in selectmen's room,	200 00
Road machine,	100 00
Road tools on hand,	25 00
New school books on hand,	170 00
Due from State, Military Aid, [Chap. 252.]	71 00
" " " [Chap. 301.]	420 00
" Support of State Paupers,	89 88
Cash on hand,	2,858 34
Dr. C. H. Houghton, tuition for 1 year.	18 00
Miss F. M. Hodgdon,	7 50
Miss Fitch,	7 50
Town of Sutton,	100 00
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	\$14,815 79

LIABILITIES.

Note to Mary Walker,	\$353 21
Retus Walling,	1,095 00
Henry D. Wallis,	600 00
Albert Butler,	700 00
Sarah Richardson,	632 68
M. M. Luther,	200 00
Clara R. Lawton,	1,450 00
Edwin Moore, 3 notes,	2,500 00
James M. Luke,	300 00

Note to Suel Logee,	2,000 00
Whitinsville Bank,	3,000 00
Albert Butler, Executor,	1,900 00
Due the town of Attleboro,	148 94
Accrued interest on above notes to date,	385 97
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	\$15,265 80

Annual Report
OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.



GEORGE PARKER, Superintendent.

Dr.

Personal property as per inventory taken by the Board of Overseers of 1887 upon the 1st day of March, 1888. Sum total,	\$1,465 29
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Personal property as per inventory taken by the present Board of Overseers upon the 1st day of March, 1889. Sum total,	\$1,048 57
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We have paid out on account of Poor Farm as follows :

Salary of Geo. Parker as superintendent,	\$350 00
W. R. Wallis, for grain,	122 26

E. N. Jencks, supplies,	101 32
W. E. Jones,	18 33
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	\$591 91

Whole number of weeks board of paupers at alms- house,	208
Cost of supporting paupers per week,	\$2 84

ORRIN CHASE, } Overseers
E. N. JENCKES, } of
W. P. WICHT, } the Poor.

A N N U A L R E P O R T S
O F T H E
Treasurer and Librarian
O F
DOUGLAS F R E E P U B L I C L I B R A R Y.

1888.	D.R.
Mar. 1. Cash in hand of Treasurer,	\$311 80
Sept. 6. Rec'd of A. F. Brown, rent Orrison Hewett place,	20 00
“ 9. Rec'd of Librarian, sale of catalogues and fines,	1 73
Dec. 19. “ Librarian, sale of catalogues and fines,	1 27
“ 31. “ Town Treas., Dog Fund,	203 38
1889.	
Mar. 5. “ Librarian, sale of catalogue and fines,	2 20
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	\$540 38

C.R.

1888.	C.R.
Mar. 22. Express on books,	\$ 30
May 9. Books,	166 20
June 4. Mrs. A. L. Buffington,	12 50
“ 4. Repairs on books,	1 50
“ 8. Express on books,	45

Aug. 27.	Rebinding books,	\$24 65
Sep. 7.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington,	12 50
“ 7.	Numbering and cataloguing,	1 00
Nov. 24.	Express on books,	25
Dec. 19.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, 1889.	12 50
Mar. 5.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington,	12 50
“ 5.	Books and express,	94 95
	Cash on hand,	201 08
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		\$540 38

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Whole number books in Library,	1,349
“ “ “ added during the year,	147
“ “ “ issued from Mar. 28, 1888, to Mar. 1, 1889.	3,444
Average number of books issued per week,	75
Amount of fines due from Mar. 28, 1888, to Mar. 1, 1889,	\$5 88
Balance of fines due March 1, 1888,	13 02
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Amount collected for fines,	\$18 90
Received from sale of catalogues,	30
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Paid over to Treasurer,	\$5 20
Amount collected for fines,	4 90
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Balance due March 1, 1889,	\$14 00

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

REPORT
OF
CHAS. W. POTTER, AGENT,
ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS
TO THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS,
FOR THE
Year ending March 1, 1889.

The Agent charges himself with cash and notes, as follows :
1888.

March	1.	Notes due the town,	\$15,783 00
		Accrued Interest,	751 43
		Cash in hands of Agent,	212 68
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			\$16,747 11
Mar.	2.	Lovell Southwick, interest.	\$18 47
"	2.	Prin'l in part on Lovell Southwick note,	16 50
"	2.	Int. on James McCormick note,	10 00
"	9.	" S. H. Starr note,	6 00
"	19.	" A. F. Brown note,	60 00
Apr.	11.	" Allen Buxton note,	6 00
May	1.	" Thomas Wixted note,	12 00
"	14.	" Amos Humes note,	21 00
"	14.	" Mitchael Auger note,	18 00
"	14.	" John Lebeau note,	12 00

June	14.	Int. on Chandler Titus note,	\$8 10
July	3.	" Mrs. Michael Roberts note,	30 00
"	24.	" Phoebe E. Johnson note,	19 98
"	30.	" Isaac Desotell note,	15 10
"	31.	" John M. Putnam note,	7 50
Aug.	4.	" T. H. Barton note,	12 00
"	4.	" Peter Jarvis note,	12 00
"	4.	" Louise Jarvis note,	6 00
"	7.	" Julius and Matilda Rivers note,	24 00
"	7.	" T. M. Remington note,	12 00
"	8.	" Johanna Rawson note,	12 00
"	11.	" William Putnam note,	25 50
"	23.	Note and int. Isaac Desotell,	253 00
Sept.	3.	Int. on Joseph T. Arnold note,	24 00
"	8.	" Mrs. E. A. Williams note,	18 00
"	10.	Note and int. John Fitzgerald,	328 58
"	15.	" Joseph Labeau,	268 21
"	29.	Int. on Alvin H. Brown note,	30 00
Oct.	1.	" Dennis Quinn note,	21 00
"	3.	" A. Gilbert Yates note,	9 00
"	6.	" Aaron Aldrich note,	30 00
"	17.	" Potter M. Bates note,	9 00
"	26.	" Chandler Titus note,	20 40
"	29.	" Margaret Stearns note,	18 00
Nov.	6.	" Russell M. Peters note,	15 00
"	16.	" Mrs. Mary J. Willis note,	30 00
"	21.	" Chas. S. Caswell note,	18 00
"	23.	" Phoebe Young note,	40 00
Dec.	12.	" Horace Batcheller note,	12 00
"	12.	" Mrs. Abbie Thayer note,	18 00
"	31.	" Silina Casey note,	21 00
1889.			
Jan.	4.	" Vesta H. Balcome note,	24 00
"	12.	" Joel Glover note,	12 00
"	17.	" James McCormick note,	21 00
"	30.	" Ira T. Robbins note,	9 00
Feb.	13.	" Alfred and Mary Reynolds note,	19 50
"	15.	" S. P. Rawson note,	30 00
"	16.	" Joseph StAndrew note,	24 00
"	25.	" John Valier note,	18 00
"	28.	" Mrs. Rebecca Morse note,	30 00
"	28.	" Miss Mary Murphy note,	30 00

Notes and interest received,

\$1,764 84

The Agent has loaned and paid out as follows :

1888.

Mar.	20.	Loaned Margaret F. Brown,	\$300 00
"	20.	Recording deed,	1 10
"	28.	A. F. Jones, agt., services,	5 00
Aug.	10.	Discharging mortgage,	25
"	17.	Tax on Devise,	220 53
Sept.	15.	N. S. Caswell, appraiser,	1 50
"	15.	Asahel Fitts,	1 50
"	15.	Loaned Joseph Labeau,	400 00
Aug.	23.	" Frank Duval,	350 00
Oct	24.	Discharging and recording deed,	1 35
Nov.	9.	N. S. Caswell, appraiser,	1 50
"	9.	Asahel Fitts, "	1 50
"	22.	Loaned E. C. Esten,	350 00

1889.

Jan.	12.	Discharging and recording mortgage,	2 64
Mar.	1.	Agent for services,	60 00

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MAR. 1, 1889.

Date of Note.	Name.	Accrued Int.	Prin.
July 30, 1887.	Joseph T. Arnold,	\$14 00	\$400 00
Nov. 8, 1887.	Chas. S. Caswell,	5 60	300 00
Dec. 12, 1887.	Horace Batcheller,	2 69	200 00
Feb. 28, 1888.	Rebecca Morse,	08	500 00
Feb. 21, 1888.	John Valier,	45	300 00
Dec. 24, 1887.	Joseph StAndrew,	4 40	400 00
Mar. 11, 1887.	Caleb Hill,	11 85	100 00
July 1, 1876.	Alvin H. Brown.	20 00	500 00
Nov. 23, 1859.	A. F. Brown,	38 08	500 00
Dec. 4, 1866.	Thomas Wixtead, paid by James Wixtead,	26 86	200 00
Apr. 24, 1839.	Orrin N. Thurber, paid by Mrs. E. A. Williams,	15 30	300 00
May 18, 1857.	Ira T. Robbins, paid by Frank McCormick,	1 50	150 00
July 7, 1875.	James McCormick,	38 50	350 00
Mar. 1, 1867.	John W. Putnam,	6 37	125 00
Dec. 2, 1854.	Joel Glover, paid for by Sarah Dufo,	2 93	200 00
Feb. 20, 1869.	S. P. Rawson, paid by Mrs. J. M. Rawson,	30 83	500 00

Apr. 22, 1880.	Phoebe Young,	\$35. 67	\$500 00
“ 12, 1877.	Amos Humes, paid by Martin and Gear,	19 78	350 00
May 3, 1875.	T. H. Barton, paid by Louise Jarvis,	9 56	200 00
Apr. 1, 1871.	Margaret Stearns,	16 50	300 00
Mar. 26, 1870.	R. P. Johnson,	46 27	400 00
Apr. 16, 1886.	Peter Jarvis,	10 46	200 00
July 22, 1881.	Mrs. Mary J. Willis,	18 17	500 00
Oct. 19, 1874.	Chandler Titus,	6 01	135 00
July 23, 1879.	Louisa Jarvis,	6 62	100 00
“ 7, 1879.	Michael Roberts,	19 40	500 00
Oct. 1, 1883.	Dennis Quinn,	8 75	350 00
May 8, 1872.	Wm. M. Putnam,	20 68	425 00
Apr. 22, 1882.	Mitchael Auger,	15 40	300 00
May 25, 1885.	Mary A. Hilton,	34 39	325 00
June 17, 1869.	Chandler Titus,	7 35	340 00
Aug. 6, 1883.	T. M. Remington,	6 80	200 00
June 26, 1883.	Mary J. Murphy,	20 33	500 00
Apr. 19, 1880.	Phoebe E. Johnson,	22 25	333 00
Mar. 24, 1885.	Allen Buxton,	5 60	100 00
Apr. 30, 1885.	John Labeau,	10 00	200 00
Nov. 29, 1886.	Abbie Thayer,	4 55	300 00
Aug. 19, 1878.	Russell M. Peters,	7 95	250 00
Oct. 24, 1878.	Lovell Southwick.	9 51	158 50
May 21, 1868.	Mrs. Johanna Rawson,	9 30	200 00
Nov. 27, 1886.	Salina Casey,	5 43	350 00
May 1, 1878.	Julius and Matilda Rivers,	20 00	400 00
May 27, 1879.	Mary Briggs,	33 10	200 00
June 4, 1886.	Amos G. Yates,	6 65	150 00
Oct. 16, 1867.	Potter M. Bates,	3 35	150 00
Sept. 5, 1883.	Vesta H. Balcome,	11 66	400 00
Mar. 5, 1881.	S. H. Starr,	5 92	100 00
Feb. 15, 1886.	Alfred and Mary Reynolds,	81	325 00
“ 18, 1886.	Chas. H. Hilton,	12 40	200 00
“ 18, 1885.	Aaron Aldrich,	31 67	500 00
Mar. 20, 1888.	Margaret Brown,	17 00	300 00
Sep. 15, 1888.	Joseph Labeau,	11 00	400 00
“ 23, 1888.	Frank Duval,	6 66	350 00
Nov. 22, 1888.	Edwin C. Esten,	4 16	350 00
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		\$750 46	\$16 366 50

Notes due the Town March 1, 1889,	\$16,366 50
Accrued interest,	750 46
Cash in hands of Agent,	270 95
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Value of Devise Mar. 1, 1889,	\$17,387 91
Net gain for the year,	640 80

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. POTTER, Agent.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Whole number,	-	-	-	-	59
males,	-	-	-	36	
females,	-	-	-	23	—
foreign parentage,	-	-	-	23	
mixed	"	-	-	12	
American,	-	-	-	24	—

MARRIAGES.

Whole number,	-	-	-	-	19
Foreign birth,	-	-	-	-	10
American birth,	-	-	-	-	28
Resident in Douglas,	-	-	-	32	
" elsewhere,	-	-	-	6	—
First marriage,	-	-	-	32	
Second " -	-	-	-	6	—

DEATHS.

Whole number,	-	-	-	-	59
males,	-	-	-	34	
females,	-	-	-	25	—
foreign birth,	-	-	-	16	
American "	-	-	-	43	

Number under 1 year,	-	-	-	12
" between 1 and 5	-	-	-	2
" " 5 10	-	-	-	3
" " 10 20	-	-	-	4
" " 20 30	-	-	-	1
" " 30 40	-	-	-	4
" " 40 50	-	-	-	9
" " 50 60	-	-	-	2
" " 60 70	-	-	-	5
" " 70 80	-	-	-	14
" " 80 90	-	-	-	2
" over 90	-	-	-	1

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number,	-	-	-	131
Males, 124 @ \$2.00,	-	-	\$248 00	
Females, 7 @ \$5.00,	-	-	35 00	\$283 00

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.

R E P O R T
OF
ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

REPORT OF SUEL LOGEE.

To labor on stone arch bridge :

Richart Bruely, 205 h. @ .25,	-	\$51 25
Use of stone tools	-	5 10
Frank Lasco, 205 h. @ .15,	-	30 75
Kelley Lasco, 80 h. @ .15,	-	12 00
L. Francis, 10 h.	-	1 50
Charlie (Italian) 115 h.	-	17 25
N. Myett, 95 h.	-	14 25
A. F. Jones hauling stone 100 h.	-	27 50
E. T. Thayer, 25h.	-	8 75
Chas Blue, 35 h.	-	5 25
A. J. Thayer, team and 2 men,	-	21 00
C. W. Brown, sharpening drills,	-	10 66
S. Logee, " "	-	6 00
S. Logee, labor,	-	45 00
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		\$256 26

To labor on highway :

A. Fitts and team,	33.90	Hiram Smith,	6.30
A. F. Jones	18.63	Elbridge Paine,	7.65
E. T. Thayer,	22.05	Joseph Hughes,	7.95

Frank Goodness	\$7.95	H. N. Logee,	\$4.00
A. Billar,	7.65	John M. Rawson,	2.00
Charlie,	8.85	Charlie,	6.00
Boy,	.40	O. F. Chase,	1.57
Willard Whipple,	15.45	E. Chase,	2.32
Hughes,	3.00	Jesse Chase and team,	3.63
Lasco,	2.25	Myron Titus and team,	1.26
Myett,	1.50	Geo. Brown,	5.51
Littlefield,	1.50	Geo. Parker,	3.45
N. G. Dudley,	2.11	J. M. Parker and team,	8.10
Frank Kennan,	3.00	P. Jarvis, team, 2 men,	25.65
N. Myett,	10.50	A. J. Thayer and team,	3.25
B. Murphy,	.75	A. F. Brown, 2 teams	
Frenchman,	1.50	and 2 men,	25.90
Suel Chase,	7.50	S. Logee and team,	111.00
" " oxen,	11.20	V. T. Esten, blasting	
Myron Chase,	7.95	and removing stone	
Henry Chase,	2.85	and filling,	24.80
A. Chase,	1.50	Dynamite, fuse, caps,	7.13
E. Chase,	1.50	A. J. Thayer, 248 ft.	
Frank Kenyon,	1.35	plank,	4.96
T. Buxton,	.75	B. W. Aldrich, iron	
Loren Buffum,	38.25	railing, stone bridge,	9.40
Aaron Aldrich,	1.80	S. Logee, repairing	
E. Bigelow, team, man,	5.09	road machine,	15.50
H. Walker and team,	27.75	Sharpening points,	2.00
W. Southwick,	15.41	" 2 iron bars,	.25
L. Taft and team,	11.00	" picks,	.50
G. Ferris,	3.00	Barr Bros,	2.72
Richard Bruley,	4.38		
Lasco,	2.63		
M. Mehyer,	.75		
Henry Wright,	.75		
B. Murphy,	.75		
			\$578.96

Paid out for making snow roads :

Jerry Dunlavy, oxen,		C. Titus,	4.50
horses and men,	20.80	C. Taft,	5.20
W. C. Murphy,	6.50	J. W. Smith and oxen,	8.00
James Wixtead,	5.60	Loren Buffum,	4.00
L. Taft and team,	9.20	Harley Brown,	6.00
M. Titus,	3.75	David Keith,	4.00

D. A. Wallis,	\$4.00	Hiram Smith,	\$3.00
Jesse Thompson,	5.20	Joseph Howland,	.60
Elbridge Paine,	5.20	Mr. Place,	.80
A. E. Chapman,	4.95	John Walling and team,	11.60
John Caswell,	2.90	G. F. Bean,	12.00
Geo. Fairfield,	2.00	C. F. Rawson and boy,	6.85
Frank Kenney,	4.00	Walter Hilton,	9.00
E. Parker,	2.00	C. Hilton and team,	12.30
Putnam Rawson,	6.00	Walter H. Brown,	12.00
H. Smith,	6.00	John Sherman,	5.60
L. Traverse,	3.00	Laflant,	3.60
Jesse Thompson,	5.00	Charlie,	3.60
Chas. Calaneux.	6.60	Savay,	4.60
Walter Parker and team,	8.00	Peter Jarvis and team,	6.60
D. Dudley,	6.00	Jesse Chase and team,	6.46
G. Dudley,	6.00	Willie Buxton,	6.00
J. C. Bates,	4.20	Henry Chase and team,	31.40
J. A. Cadwell,	1.80	J. M. Rawson,	12.20
Potter M. Bates,	8.00	H. A. Walker and team,	19.90
Laurice Hannant,	4.00	Stephen Taylor,	4.00
W. Church and team,	13.40	Smith Sherman,	3.20
John Flagg,	8.00	D. Sherman,	3.20
Wellington Balcome,	1.40	S. Logee,	15.00
Robert Hannant,	5.20		
Edward Young,	3.00		
			\$376.81

REPORT OF WM. H. RIXFORD.

For labor on highway :

Bid Murphy,	\$6.00	Trafley Lacose,	6.75
Richard Bruley,	18.00	Noel Miett,	3.75
Sanborn,	1.75	Joe Gregweir,	4.50
Walter Paine,	3.25	Goodness,	2.25
B. Goddard for gravel,	6.92	Will Kelly,	29.90
L. Lafloe,	3.75	N. S. Caswell,	7.56
Kinion,	.75	Horace Bachelor,	38.93
Dr. White,	7.88	Asahel Fitts,	7.00
Woodman,	2.25	A. F. Jones,	17.88
Carl Wheeler,	2.25	Frank Allen,	2.75
Will Wellman,	15.75	M. McGrath,	9.75
James Gregweir,	4.13	Joe Gilbert,	3.75
Trafley Gregweir,	8.25	Joseph Hughes,	4.50
Waldo Smith,	18.00	Simeon Johnson,	9.75

Albert Hughes,	\$9.00	Will Littlefield,	\$13.75
Ned Hallon,	3.00	Wm. Reynolds,	28.65
James Wixtead,	24.75	J. R. Darling,	12.38
Lewis Laoffle,	9.75	Mr. Peck,	3.00
A. F. Brown,	26.25	W. H. Rixford, services	
A. J. Thayer,	52.63	help, horses on carts	
Ed. Leaver,	10.50	and road machine,	317.03
S. Russell,	2.00		
Scraper knives,	10.60		
M. Dulet,	2.00		
			\$773.24

\$214.45 of the above expenditure was made under the combined direction of S. Logee and W. H. Rixford.

REPORT OF W. S. JILLSON.

Repairs of highway for April :

W. S. Jillson, and team	\$38.25	Elbridge Wallis,	1.50
F. Wellman and team,	21.70	H. D. Wallis,	7.80
E. C. Parker and team,	22.75		
G. C. Dudley and team,	44.35		
J. A. Richardson and			\$305.98
team	19.25		
E. Balcome,	13.50	May :	
W. Church and team,	17.50	W. S. Jillson, and team	30.13
Morris Lemay,	9.30	Parker & Dudley and	
Henry Brown,	15.75	team on scraper,	92.58
Fred Limburg,	15.00	C. Balcome,	4.50
W. B. Mowry,	5.25	H. W. Brown,	6.45
Geo. Parker,	13.62	H. D. Wallis,	11.63
D. Keith,	3.00	O. Wade,	10.95
C. Balcome,	8.55	E. E. Esten,	10.00
Oscar Wade,	9.75	Richard Burr,	31.50
F. Wallis,	6.00	Mrs. Keith for gravel,	8.00
L Stockwell and team,	1.75	H. D. Wallis, lumber	11.79
Felix Lemay,	3.00		
John Flagg,	9.00		\$217.53
P. A. Dudley and team,	7.26	June :	
M. Titus,	3.30	W. S. Jillson and team,	20.50
J. Daily,	1.50	Sleepers for bridge,	6.00
Geo. Brown,	6.35	E. C. Parker,	10.50
T. T. Potter,	1.00	F. Wellman and team,	10.50
		O. Wade,	6.00

P. A. Dudley,	\$6.00	F. Amidon,	\$1.30
S. Dudley's team,	4.68	H. S. Hewett,	2.20
C. Balcome,	3.00	J. Blake,	6.00
G. C. Dudley and team,	3.50	Geo. Blake,	4.50
Geo. M. Wallis,	3.45	H. D. Wallis,	9.00
Andrew Roberts,	1.50	P. A. Dudley,	9.70
M. M. Wallis for gravel,	10.00	E. Balcome,	6.40
W. H. Parker, plank	12.60	V. Esten,	2.40
" " work,	10.00	F. Wellman and team,	9.00
B. Hoyl for plank,	3.00	J. Wellman,	3.00
Joseph French,	4.50	D. Heath,	6.00
H. D. Wallis,	4.50	W. S. Jillson,	24.00
	<hr/>	Henry Brown,	3.00
	\$120.23	Geo. Brown,	.50
July:		Geo. Wallis,	.70
W. S. Jillson and team,	\$3.25	Wm. Nichols,	7.00
Aug:		Fred Wallis,	1.20
W. S. Jillson and team,	24.00	St Andrews,	1.00
O. Wade,	1.50	S. Dudley, oxen,	2.00
C. Balcome,	1.50	W. B. Mowry,	6.10
G. C. Dudley,	1.50	J. K. Peters,	.60
J. Dailey,	3.00	J. M. Parker,	3.00
E. C. Parker,	1.50		<hr/>
J. Flagg,	.60		\$180.10
Sleepers for bridge,	3.00	Repairs of washout in Nov.	
E. Balcome,	.75	W. S. Jillson and team,	\$14.00
E. Chapman,	5.00	P. A. Dudley,	5.25
E. Bigelow,	19.75	H. W. Brown,	.75
L. B. Stockwell,	5.00	Ralph Brown,	.25
	<hr/>	W. E. Church and team,	3.50
	\$67.10	J. Flagg.	1.20
October:		Dec.	
W. S. Jillson and team	10.00	W. S. Jillson,	34.00
Gravel,	.50	W. B. Mowry,	10.50
	<hr/>	L. B. Titus,	7.50
	\$10.50	Arthur Titus,	10.50
Snow bills for March, '88:		E. C. Parker and team,	24.50
Phelix Lemay,	\$13.00	Spikes and lantern,	2.50
Morris Lemay,	13.00		<hr/>
Fred, Limburg,	6.50		\$89.50
Geo. Parker,	6.00	Total expenditure,	\$1,019.14
G. C. Dudley and team,	43.00		

RATES PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Commissioners,	-	-	\$2 00
Two horse team,	-	-	2 00
One horse team,	-	-	1 25
Ox team,	-	-	1 80
Man,	-	-	1 50
4 horses and driver on scraper,	-	-	10 00
Man for shoveling snow, per hour,	-	-	20

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

FOR YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1889.



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1889.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS:

We submit to your consideration the following report, in accordance with that provision of the statutes which requires from the school committee an annual statement concerning the condition and prosperity of our schools.

TEACHERS FOR 1888-89.

H. J. CHASE,
KATE R. SIBLEY,
DORA S. RUSSELL,
ELLA M. PARKER,
JENNIE L. PARKER,
EMMA J. PAYNE,
EMMA J. WILLIS,
PATIENCE BRECK,
EMMA FISK,
W. O. CARTWRIGHT,
ROXA A. DAWLEY,
EVELYN E. SMITH,
MINNIE F. DARLING,
ADA E. BROWN,
MAY F. KIMBALL,
IDA M. JOHNSON,
KATHARINE A. CROOK,
LIZZIE CAPEN,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

LEVI WHITE, M. D.,	Term expires March 1, 1889
E. C. ESTEN,	" " "
STILLMAN RUSSELL,	" " "
REV. JAMES WELLS,	" " "
JAMES WIXTEAD,	" " "
FRANCISCO BOWEN,	" " "
W. W. BROWN,	" " "
E. B. KNAPP,	" " "
CHAS. S. CASWELL,	" " "

The above Committee met March 21, 1888, and organized as follows:

President.—E. B. KNAPP,

Clerk.—JAS. WIXTEAD,

Superintending Committee, { W. W. BROWN,
JAMES WIXTEAD,
CHAS. S. CASWELL,

Purchasing Agent,—Jas. Wixtead.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1888, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	398
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	341
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	301
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,	10
" " " " " over 15 " "	39
" " " " " between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	263
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	124
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of female teachers, " male " "	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average wages paid female teachers per month, " " male " "	\$30 15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Appropriation for public schools by the town, March 1, 1888,	\$4,300 00
Balance unexpended last year,	453 05
State School Fund,	385 36
Town School Fund, (interest,)	56 48
Repairs and purchase of books,	500 00
Tuition Fees,	58 50

	\$5,753 39

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Teachers wages,	\$4,225 00
Rent of High School Room,	100 00
Expense of state officer,	9 00
Permanent repairs,	39 41

Truant Officers,	10 00
Care of rooms,	153 90
Purchasing agent,	25 00
School books,	301 06
Repairs, fuel, supplies, etc.,	485 67
Superintending Committee,	99 99
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	\$5,449 03
New books on hand,	170 00
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Cost of schools for year 1888,	\$5,279 03
Balance unexpended March 1, 1889,	\$474 36

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers { WALTER O. CARTWRIGHT, Spring.
 { H. J. CHASE, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	13	12	15
Wages per week,	\$20	\$20	\$20
Whole number of scholars,	36	32	30
Average attendance,	29	26	27

GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

Teacher,—PATIENCE BRECK.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	13
Wages per week,	\$10	\$10	\$10
Whole number of Scholars,	26	19	26
Average attendance,	19	13	18

SCHOOL No. 1.

Teachers { KATE R. SIBLEY, Spring,
 { KATHARINE A. CROOK, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	13
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	36	41	36
Average attendance,	32	29	30

SCHOOL No. 2.

Teachers { ROXA A. DAWLEY, Spring and Fall,
 { EMMA FISK, Winter,

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	13	13	10
Average attendance,	11	11	8

SCHOOL No. 3.

Teacher,—EMMA J. PAYNE.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	13
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	33	42	51
Average attendance,	28	36	40

SCHOOL No. 4.

Teacher,—ELLA M. PARKER.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in week,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	14	14	16
Average attendance,	13	12	14

SCHOOL No. 5.

Teacher,—MINNIE DARLING.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	8	7	9
Average attendance,	7	6	8

SCHOOL No. 6.

Teacher,—JENNIE L. PARKER.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$6	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	4	4	4
Average attendance,	3	3	3

SCHOOL No. 7.

Teacher,—ADA E. BROWN.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	18	21	18
Average attendance,	13	15	12

SCHOOL No. 8.

Teachers { EVELYN SMITH, Spring,
 { LIZZIE CAPEN, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	13
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	13	18	17
Average attendance,	10	13	9

SCHOOL No. 9

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—MAY F. KIMBALL,

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	13
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	57	72	63
Average Attendance,	45	53	41

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—DORA S. RUSSELL,

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	13
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	29	35	38
Average attendance,	28	31	34

SCHOOL No. 10.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—EMMA J. WILLIS.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	13
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	39	43	48
Average attendance,	32	34	36

INTERMEDIATE.

Teachers { IDA M. JOHNSON, Spring.
{ EVELYN E. SMITH, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	13
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	27	24	23
Average attendance,	21	17	20

Report of the Truant Officer.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

During the past year, I have visited the manufacturies in the town and ascertained that they held the certificates required by law for such minors, under sixteen years of age, as were employed.

I have been called upon to act in about thirty-four cases of truancy, and in all but three instances, the children were either returned to school, or found to be absent for good and sufficient reasons.

It is the opinion of the truant officer that, in the majority of the cases of truancy, the parents are more to blame than the scholars, keeping their children from school for the most flimsy and absurd excuses. And he would also recommend that the town avail itself of the statutes, and adopt a code of by-laws similar to Blackstone and other towns, providing some place in town for the confinement of truants and absentees from school.

JAMES W. WIXTEAD, Truant Officer.

REMARKS.

When the present board assumed charge of the schools they found the school property in good general repair and no very extensive permanent improvements seemed called for.

A well, a long felt want (by the neighbors at least) has been driven at the Center school. The house must be at once reshingled and an outbuilding erected. It ought also to be reseated as the seats are old fashioned uncomfortable and inadequate.

The yards of Nos. 3 and 10 need grading around the building and a fence should be erected in front of No.3. We would further recommend a great deal of incidental repairing throughout the various school-rooms this spring, additional blackboards erected, plastering put on, and secretaries (not expensive) should be made in which to keep the books and prevent them from being injured. That a great many are injured there can be no doubt and it is the opinion of the board that the saving in books each year would more than compensate for such an outlay. It is well to economize but economy becomes a two-edged matter if carried too far. A few dollars judiciously expended in repairs now will save many times that amount later on.

The parents have shown an increased interest in the schools during the past year, as shown by the large number of visitors' names recorded on the school registers. This is a move in the right direction and we trust will be continued. Nothing gives greater stimulus to a teacher in her work than words of encouragement from the parents, and their frequent presence in the school room. And the little folks, knowing that father and mother visit their school and feel an interest in their progress will put new energy into their school work.

Among the many excellencies of our school teachers there are also a few failings for teachers are "But as other men be :" and one of the most noticeable of these is the too close connection

between the text-book and the recitation. While the text-books are necessary and very good if properly used they should not be entirely depended upon. The teachers would often obtain better results if they used more originality in their work and devoted more time to that which the pupil will use in every day life and not show such an insatiate desire to instruct them in allegation, exchange, equation of payments etc., etc., before they can properly construct an English sentance, write a promissory note, or measure a load of wood.

The fact that the common schools furnish to the great majority of pupils their only means of acquiring knowledge, should be constantly kept in mind, and the greatest amount of practical instruction given.

As a whole, the schools have had a successful year, and the teachers, the committee are confident, have all tried to do their best. Why they have failed in some instances to obtain the desired result, is more from the want of thorough preparation for school work and inexperience, than from any other cause.

It is becoming more and more a recognized fact that teachers as well as lawyers, clergymen and physicians must have, in order to be successful, special training for their work. There is a science of teaching as well as a science of medicine, and other things being equal, he succeeds best who is best prepared.

One of the most important questions at issue, is the proposed supervisions of our schools. No man, or committee of men, can for one hundred dollars, afford to give the necessary time to follow the schools in their daily progress, or devote that amount of labor required to bring them to their highest degree of efficiency. As the workman, under the skilled guidance of the architect, brings to shapely beauty the shapeless mass of brick and mortar, even so the teacher, under the skilled and constant oversight of a superintendent may develop to a greater degree of intelligence, the minds committed to her care.

In conclusion, we would observe that the best our schools can do, after all, is to furnish the conditions of an education. The people who support the schools with their means, must also support them with their confidence, or the schools lose half their capability for doing good,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. S. CASWELL, } Superintending
W. W. BROWN, } School
J. W. WIXTEAD, } Committee.

